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THE  
L A W S  
FOR THE  
MANAGEMENT AND APPROPRIATION  
OF THE  
F U N D  
FOR THE SUPPORT OF  
DECAYED MUSICIANS,  
MEMBERS OF THE  
ROYAL SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS,  
AND  
THEIR FAMILIES.

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INCORPORATED 1799.



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L A W S  
OF THE  
R O Y A L S O C I E T Y  
OF  
M U S I C I A N S,

INCORPORATED 1790.

I.

**T**HAT every Subscriber to this Charity, from the age of Twenty-one to Twenty-six Years of Age, do pay at least one Guinea on admission, and do continue to pay the same sum in advance annually, on or before Midsummer-Day in each year; and that a person be appointed by the Members (with such salary as they shall think adequate) to collect the subscriptions of those persons who are not Professors of Music; and that if any Professional Subscriber neglect to pay his annual subscription twelve monthly meetings after Midsummer-Day, in any one year, he shall be no longer considered as a Member of the Society; and shall not be restored to the situation



of a Member of the Society, without the consent of the majority of the Subscribers then present, at the Annual General Meeting next after he shall petition to be so restored, and payments of all arrears of his subscription which be then due: and that all such Subscribers as are Professors of Music shall pay their subscriptions, or cause them to be paid, into the hands of the Society's Collector, at some of the said Monthly Meetings.

## II.

That every person who shall be admitted a Member of this Society after the age of 26 years shall pay as follows,

Years of Age.		Premium.	
At {	26	One Guinea per annum, and {	1
	27		2
	28		3
	29		4
	30		5
At {	31	One Guinea per annum, and {	9
	32		10½
	33		12
	34		13½
	35		15
At {	36	One Guinea per annum, and {	22
	37		24
	38		26
	39		28
	40		30
— 41 —		One Guinea per annum, and —	48 —

And, from the age of 41 years and upwards, besides the Annual Subscription, Three Guineas per annum Premium.



## III.

That there be annually, on the Sunday next after Midsummer-Day, a General Meeting of the Subscribers to inspect the accounts, and to elect twelve Governors by ballot.

## IV.

That there be 48 Members elected as a Court of Assistants to the Governors (the Assistants to remain for life); and that, when any of the Court of Assistants shall die, or leave the Society, others shall be elected in their room by a General Meeting of the Society; but that no Member shall be eligible, unless he has served the office of Governor.

## V.

That the Governors for the time being, or any five of them, be empowered to receive all monies collected for this charity, paying the same as soon as possible into the hands of the Society's Banker.

## VI.

That a form of application (as follows) for Claimants, shall be printed, which the Collector shall deliver, without fee or reward, after having signed that part which relates to the last payment of the subscription; and that three of the subscribing Members to the said Application shall attend to answer the enquiries of the Governors.

*To the GOVERNORS of the SOCIETY for the SUPPORT  
of DECAYED MUSICIANS and their FAMILIES.*

GENTLEMEN,

*We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, beg leave  
to recommend a Member of this Society for immediate  
relief from this Charity, he*

*Having carefully examined into the truth of the  
above circumstances, we are, to the best of our judg-  
ments, of opinion that the said*

*is a proper object of our  
charity and your care; and, in order that the truth  
of the same may appear satisfactory to you, three of  
the undersigned attend with this, to answer such ques-  
tions as you shall think proper to ask*

*I do hereby certify that Mr.  
a Member of this Society, has paid his Subscription to  
this fund, to*

COLLECTOR.

N. B. This must be signed by ten Members  
of this Society, not being Governors; and the age,  
or distemper, or other circumstances, relative to  
the person recommended; must be particularly  
specified.

*To the GOVERNORS of the SOCIETY for the SUPPORT  
of DECAYED MUSICIANS and their FAMILIES.*

GENTLEMEN,

*We whose names are hereunto subscribed, beg leave  
to recommend*

*Widow of the late*

*has*

*a Member of this Society: she  
Children*

*Having carefully examined into the truth of the  
above circumstances, we are, to the best of our judg-  
ments, of opinion, that the said*

*is a proper object of our  
charity and your care; and, in order that the truth  
of the same may appear satisfactory to you, three of  
the undersigned attend with this, to answer such ques-  
tions as you shall think proper to ask*

*I do hereby certify that Mr.*

*late a Member of this Society,  
had before his decease paid his subscription to this  
fund, to*

COLLECTOR.

N: B. This must be signed by ten Members  
of this Society, not being Governors; and, if  
there are Children, the respective age and sex of  
each must be specified, or any particular circum-  
stances attending them.



## VII.

That the Governors and Court of Assistants be empowered, at their discretion, to allow to any such person, being a married man, any sum not exceeding Four Guineas per month, and also the additional sum of Fifteen Shillings per month for each child he hath; and to any such person, being a widower, any sum not exceeding Three Guineas per month, with the like addition of Fifteen Shillings per month for every child he hath; and to any such person, being a single man, any sum, not exceeding Three Guineas per month; with such addition, in case of sickness, for advice and medicines, as the Governors and Court of Assistants shall think reasonable.

## VIII.

That the Governors and Court of Assistants be empowered, at their discretion, to allow any sum, not exceeding Two Guineas and a Half per month, to the Widow of any Musician who continued to the time of his death a Subscriber to this fund, and shall be found to be in want; but the said allowance to cease if she marry again; and also a farther sum of Fifteen Shillings per month for each child she hath by her said husband.

## IX.

That those Widows, who forfeit their allowances as claimants on this Society by marriage, shall be permitted to claim it again on the death of their husbands; but that no allowance be made to children by the said marriage.

## X.

That if any of the Claimants to the several before-mentioned allowances, by their merit, industry, and property, have acquired, or are in the possession and enjoyment of, an annual income of Ten Pounds a year, the same shall be no bar to their receiving from the Society the several before-mentioned allowances; and in cases where it shall appear that they are in the possession and enjoyment of upwards of Ten Pounds a year, such abatements shall be made out of the said allowances, as the sum or income they are possessed of exceeds the Ten Pounds a year, by the Governors for the time being, and Court of Assistants, who are enjoined and requested to make the strictest enquiry in all such cases; and upon the detection of any imposition, the person so detected to be for ever excluded from receiving any benefit whatsoever from the Society.

## XI.

That the Governors and Court of Assistants be empowered to make such allowances as they in their discretion shall judge necessary, towards the maintenance and education of the Child or Children of such Musicians (who have at the time of their death been subscribers to this Fund), or are left destitute of other support.

## XII.

That an allowance be made for the education of Children of Claimants on this Society; and that a sum, not exceeding Ten Shillings per quarter, for schooling, be allowed to children from five to eight years of age; and that a sum, not exceeding Fifteen

teen Shillings per quarter, be allowed for Children from eight till they attain the age of fourteen; after which, a sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds shall be allowed for putting them out apprentice.

### XIII.

That an allowance, not exceeding Eight Pounds, be made for the funeral of any Musician who continued to the time of his death a Subscriber to this Fund; and an allowance, not exceeding Five Pounds, for the funeral of the Widow of any such Musician, if the circumstances in which he or she died are such as shall in the discretion of the Governors and Court of Assistants appear to require such allowance.

### XIV.

That there be a Meeting of the Governors and Court of Assistants, the first Sunday in every month, at such place as shall be agreed upon by them, for the purpose of conducting the affairs of this Society; at which Meetings the Governors and Court of Assistants shall have a power of admitting such persons to subscribe to this Fund as shall be approved of by a majority of them.

### XV.

That all those who are proposed as proper persons to become Members of this Society, shall be recommended in the form and manner following; which recommendation, with a certificate of their age, shall be read at four of the Monthly Meetings of the Governors, previous to their being balloted for.



*To the GOVERNORS and COURT OF ASSISTANTS of  
the ROYAL SOCIETY of MUSICIANS.*

GENTLEMEN,

*I beg leave to recommend*

*Musician, as a proper person  
to be a Member of this Society. He has*

*and not likely to become chargeable to this Society.*

*I am,*

*Your humble Servant.*

*I do hereby declare the particulars of the above re-  
commendation are strictly true; and that I will at-  
tend, when summoned, in person, or with permission  
of the Governors, or Committee of the Concert, by  
Deputy, at St. Paul's, and the Society Annual Concert  
and Rehearsal, to perform on such Instrument as the  
Governors shall think proper to appoint.*

N. B. If the Gentleman proposed has served  
an apprenticeship for seven years to Music, it  
must be inserted,

If he has studied and practised Music for a live-  
lihood seven years (and served no apprenticeship),  
it must be inserted.

If there are Children, being a married man, the  
names and ages of the Children must be inserted.

His engagements must likewise be inserted.

A Certificate of the Gentleman's age must ac-  
company the recommendation.

## XVI.

That, when the Master or Mistress of any Child bound out by this Society, shall apply to the Governors, and make it appear to their satisfaction, that such Child hath faithfully, and *bonâ fide*, performed his or her apprenticeship, the Governors are empowered to give such Child any sum, not exceeding Five Pounds.

## XVII.

That the Governors shall be obliged to call a General Meeting of the Society, whenever it is required by any ten of the Subscribers, specifying the purpose for which such General Meeting is called.

## XVIII.

That no Member of this Society shall be eligible to be chosen into the office of Governor, or of one of the Court of Assistants, until he has been two years a Subscriber to this Society.

## XIX.

That if any of the Court of Assistants shall receive any allowance out of the Fund of this Society, his vote shall be suspended during the time of his receiving the allowance; but, in case he shall be able to retrieve his affairs, and to decline continuing to receive the allowance, he shall be restored.

## XX.

That, when any Musician is admitted as a Subscriber to the Fund, he shall have notice given  
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him to attend the next Meeting of the Governors, after such admission, to sign his name and consent to the Resolutions of this Society (in a book to be kept for that purpose), in order to prevent any mistake as to the knowledge of his admission, and the terms of it; and, in case such Subscriber cannot attend in person, the articles aforesaid shall be signed, and the money paid for him, by the Subscriber who recommended him to the Society, within the space of three months after his said admission, or he shall not be considered a Member of this Society; but may be recommended by any future Governors, at a succeeding General Meeting.

## XXI.

That no Musician shall be admitted as a Subscriber to this Charity, whose professional engagements do not cause him to reside some part of the year in London.

## XXII.

That the Collector shall give good security to the Society, by bond, in the penalty of Five Hundred Pounds, to be executed by him and two other persons, to be approved of by the Governors and Court of Assistants, for his fidelity to this Society; and that he produce, at every Annual General Meeting, a certificate in writing, signed by a majority of the Governors, of his having faithfully performed the duty required of him; and for want of such certificate, his place shall be declared vacant.

## XXIII.

That the Governors for the time being (or any five of them) may draw monthly upon the Society



ciety's Banker, for such sums as shall be wanted for the use of the Society.

#### XXIV.

That a Secretary be appointed to this Society, with a salary of Forty Pounds a year; and that he do attend all monthly and other Meetings of the Governors for the time being, and enter (in a book to be kept for that purpose) all the resolutions and transactions of the Governors at the said General Meeting of the Society; and also (in another book to be appropriated to that purpose) keep the list of Subscribers in correct alphabetical order, by entering therein the names of such new Subscribers as shall be admitted, and striking out the names of such Subscribers as shall die, leave the Society, or be expelled.

#### XXV.

That if any Member of this Society shall marry during the time that he receives any allowance out of this Society's Fund, then neither his Widow, nor any Child by such marriage, shall be entitled to any allowance or benefit, out of, or from, this Society's Fund, after such Member's death; and that such Member himself shall not after such marriage be entitled to any more allowance than as a single man.

#### XXVI.

That no Member of this Society who receives any allowance from the said Fund, shall have a power of signing a Certificate to recommend any other person who claims the Charity, or have any right of voting at a General Meeting.

#### XXVII.

XXVII.

That, at all Annual General Meetings of this Society, there be a Committee appointed, consisting of at least six Members of this Society for the time being, elected for the management and direction of this Society's Yearly Public Performance; and that it be an instruction from the Members present, and to every other the like future Committee, to be elected in the manner and for the purposes last mentioned; and that they shall have, if they find it necessary, a regular Rehearsal for every such Annual Performance, that the honour and credit of this Society may be kept up and preserved.

XXVIII.

That the Committee, as soon as the day for the Public Performance for the Benefit of this Society is fixed, do make out a list of Performers, and order the following letter to be sent to the said Members.

SIR,

*The Committee for managing the Annual Performance for the benefit of the Royal Society of Musicians, request the favour of your assistance to perform on the*

*at*

*at the Rehearsal, on*  
*performance on*

*and the Per-*

*And*

*And it is hoped every Member will think it incumbent on him to exert himself upon this occasion. But, in case you should be applied to, by mistake, to perform in a way you think likely to injure you in your Profession, it is expected that you immediately acquaint the Committee, that they may consider the propriety of admitting a Deputy; it being decided by a General Meeting, that the right of determining whether a Member shall perform in person, or by deputy, rests with them, and that no Deputy can be admitted without their approbation.*

*I am, &c.*

SECRETARY.

That any person who shall refuse or neglect to attend at St. Paul's, or the Annual Performance for the Benefit of the Society, without giving such reasons as shall be satisfactory to a General Meeting, shall be excluded the Society.

## XXIX.

That the Court of Assistants to the Governors of this Charity shall have a right of being present and voting in all affairs transacted at every Meeting of the Governors; and that no Allowance be made to the said Court of Assistants for their expences; but that they meet at their own expence, as well as the Governors: and, in all cases where the said Governors shall find any difficulties arise in the execution of their offices, they are desired, directed, and empowered to summon and call into their aid the Court of Assistants; and to consult them, or such of them as shall attend upon such occasions as may or shall happen; and that  
whatsoever



whatsoever shall be done by the Governors and Court of Assistants, or the major part of them present, at any joint Meetings, shall have full force as a Bye-law of this Society, and stand, and be observed, and complied with as such, unless repeated at a future General Meeting of this Society.

XXX.

That no Musician shall be admitted a Subscriber to this Fund, who has not served a legal Apprenticeship to the Profession, or studied and practised Music in a Choir, or elsewhere, for a support, at least for the space of Seven Years.

XXXI.

That no Foreigner shall be admitted a Member of this Society, unless he has resided in Great Britain, and there publicly professed Music for his maintenance Seven Years.

XXXII.

That no Member of this Society (being of the Court of Assistants) shall have any power or right of voting on any Petition or Certificate signed by him, recommending any decayed Member of this Society, or his Family, as proper objects of this Charity.

XXXIII.

That unless the Widow of a Musician, left with Children, who shall become a charge and burden to this Society, shall, two months before such Children respectively attain the age of Fourteen Years, apply to the Governors of this Charity to

have them put out Apprentices, or otherwise provided for by the Governors, as they shall see most convenient, such Children, so respectively attaining Fourteen Years, shall be for ever excluded from any benefit of this Charity; and that the Collector forthwith give notice in writing of this resolution to all Widows who have Children on the Charity under the age of Fourteen Years.

## XXXIV.

That all persons appointed by the Governors to perform at St. Paul's for the benefit of the Sons of the Clergy, and likewise all persons appointed by the Committee to perform, or attend, at the Rehearsal and Public Performance for the benefit of the Society, who shall refuse or neglect giving their attendance after due notice given them in writing, shall be reported to the Annual General Meeting; when, if they do not give such reasons for the said omission as shall be satisfactory, they shall be excluded this Society.

## XXXV.

That the Collector receive from every Member present at a General Meeting, one Shilling, to be applied in discharge of the expences of such Meeting.

## XXXVI.

That every thing proposed for the advantage of this Society, at any General or Governors Meeting, shall be determined by ballot (if demanded by one Member of a Governors, or not less than five at a General Meeting); and every motion whatsoever, that shall be carried in any other man-

ner than as this law shall direct, shall be void, except the annual method of choosing Governors, and other Officers of this Society.

XXXVII.

That Letters be printed for the Governors to send to the Court of Assistants, whenever they see it necessary, for their attendance; and that any one Governor shall have power to order such Letters to be sent for any Monthly Meeting; and that such summons shall be sent at least one week before the Meeting.

XXXVIII.

That no General Meeting (except the Annual one) be considered as such, unless there are twenty-one Members present.

XXXIX.

That the Minutes of the General and Monthly Meetings be read by the Chairman of the night, and that he sign the Minutes before he quits the chair; and that no further business be entered upon after the Minutes are signed.

XL.

That the following preamble be written in a book for that purpose; and that every Member who shall be elected a Governor of this Society do sign the same within one calendar month from the day of such election.

*WE, whose names are hereunto subscribed, being  
this day of 17 elected  
Governors of the Royal Society of Musicians, do by  
C 2 this*



*this declare our acceptance of the said Office; and being truly sensible of the great importance of this trust, do agree to attend the Monthly Meetings, and also all such General Courts as shall from time to time be called during our continuance in the said Office of Governor; but, in case of any hindrance which may prevent our attendance at any of the said Meetings, that then, as the expences attending the same should not fall on those who transact the business in our absence, we do agree to deposit in the hands of the Secretary the sum of Eighteen Shillings for that purpose; in witness whereof we have subscribed our names, this*  
*day of* 17

## XLI.

That all Members of this Society, who shall be chosen of the Committee for managing the Performance for the benefit of this Society, shall sign a book to be provided for that purpose, in which shall be the following preamble.

*WE, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do agree and declare, That we will punctually attend every summons we shall receive to meet as the Committee to manage the Public Performance for the Benefit of Royal Society of Musicians; and, in default of such attendance, to pay towards the defraying the expences of such Meetings an equal share with those who do attend, to execute the business required of such Committee; in witness whereof we have hereunto set our*  
*hands, this* *day of*

## XLII.

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That all Members of this Society who shall be chosen of the Committee to examine the accounts of this Society, shall sign a book, to be provided for that purpose, in which shall be the following preamble.

*WE, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do agree and declare, that we will punctually attend every summons we shall receive, to meet as the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Royal Society of Musicians, or, in default of such attendance, to pay, towards defraying the expences of such Meetings, an equal share with those who do attend to execute the business required of such Committee; in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands, this day of*

## XLIII.

That no Member of this Society shall be confirmed as one of the Court of Assistants till he has signed a book, to be provided for that purpose, in which shall be written the following preamble.

*That we, whose names are hereunto subscribed, being elected of the Court of Assistants to the Governors of the Royal Society of Musicians, do hereby agree to attend punctually every summons we shall receive from the Governors of the said Society for the time being, either for their Monthly Meetings, or for any General Meeting of this Society,*

## XLIV.

XLIV.

That the following letter be sent as soon as possible to each person elected into any office of this Society, who is not present at the time when such election is made.

SIR,

*According to the resolution of a General Meeting of the Royal Society of Musicians, held at*

*I am ordered to inform you that, on the day of*  
*you were elected*  
*ensuing; and, according to the said resolution, you are desired to attend at the next Monthly Meeting of the Governors of the said Society, on the*  
*next, to sign the book, declaring your acceptance of the said office, and of your consent to pay the forfeit in case of non-attendance.*

*I am,*

*Sir,*

*Your very humble servant,*

SECRETARY.

XLV.

That the Committee of Accounts shall meet on the Sunday preceding Midsummer-Day; to examine credit vouchers, and prepare the accounts for the Annual General Meeting.

XLVI.

That the Governors in March annually make a list of the Performers for St. Paul's; and that notice



tice be immediately sent to such Members, acquainting them of their being appointed to perform there; and that the Governors, as soon as they know the day is fixed for the Performance, do order the following letter to be sent to the said Members.

SIR,

*The Governors of the Royal Society of Musicians request the favour of your assistance to perform on the  
for the benefit of the Sons of the  
Clergy at St. Paul's, on Tuesday the  
and the*

*And it is hoped every Member will think it incumbent on him to exert himself on this occasion. But, in case you should be applied to, by mistake, to perform in a way you think likely to injure you in your profession, it is expected that you immediately acquaint the Governors, that they may consider the propriety of admitting a Deputy; it being decided by a General Meeting, that the right of determining whether a Member shall perform in person or by deputy rests with them, and that no Deputy can be admitted without their approbation.*

*I am, &c.*

SECRETARY.

## XLVII.

That any person proposed and rejected by the Governors at their Monthly Meetings, may be proposed and recommended in the usual manner, by a majority of Governors for the time being, to any future General Meeting, for a determination thereon;

thereon; but that such recommendation shall be signed at one of their Monthly Meetings.

XLVIII.

That a Book be provided, in which shall be inserted the names of all the Claimants upon this Society, the time when their claims were admitted, and the sums by them received each month.

XLIX.

That all those Members who receive allowance from the Society, shall have their subscriptions returned to them the next month after their payments.

L.

That any Member who shall be elected a Governor, or on the Committee for the Concert, or Committee of Accounts, and shall refuse to serve without giving some reason to the satisfaction of a General Meeting, shall forfeit Three Guineas for the use of the Society (provided the Member so elected shall not have previously served the office); and, in case of non-payment of the forfeit, shall be expelled the Society.

LI.

That an honorary President, and four Vice-Presidents, be annually chosen for the future protection of this Society, so far as is consistent with the laws; and that the election of the honorary President and Vice-Presidents shall be annually on the Sunday after Midsummer-Day; and that, in case of  
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of the death of either, this Society do proceed to elect another to fill the vacancy.

## LII.

That no recommendation to this Society shall be attended to, unless every minute circumstance relative to the person recommended be inserted, according to the laws of the Society; and if, after the election of any person whatsoever, it should be proved that (either through design or inattention) the facts in the said recommendation had in any one particular been mis-stated, the election shall be declared void, and the Candidate excluded the benefit of the Society; and that every recommendation shall be signed by the person proposed, as well as the recommender, in the following form; viz.

*I do hereby declare that the particulars of the above recommendation are strictly true; and that I will attend, when summoned, in person, or (with permission of the Governors and Court of Assistants, or the Committee for the Concert) by Deputy, at St. Paul's, and the Society's Annual Performance and Rehearsal, to perform on such instrument as the Governors and Court of Assistants, or Committee of the Concert, shall think proper to appoint.*

## LIII.

That if any Member of this Society become a Professional Subscriber to the New Musical Fund, he shall from that time cease to be a Member of this Society; and if any Member of the new Musical Fund shall be proposed to this Society, he shall only be balloted for, on condition that he

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resign his situation as a Professional Member of the new Musical Fund, before he is permitted to pay his subscription; and sign the book of admission to this Society; and, in default of compliance with this regulation in two months after the ballot, the election shall be declared void.

## LIV.

That if the Capital of this Society shall at any time hereafter be happily increased to a sufficient sum to justify the Governors and Court of Assistants in an opinion that the allowances to the Claimants, or the salary or salaries of the Officers of the Society, may be increased out of the annual income of the Capital, they shall and may be at liberty to call a General Meeting of the Society, at which meeting such additions may be resolved upon, and ordered to be made, as may at such meeting be deemed reasonable and proper.

## LV.

That the following Affidavit shall be administered to the Claimants, between the Governors Meetings of December and January, or as often as the Governors and Court of Assistants shall think the safety of the property of the Society may require it.

1.

*I do hereby swear that I  
do still continue the widow of Mr.  
late a Member of the Royal Society of Musicians.*

*Sworn before me,*

2.

2.

*I do hereby swear that I  
do still continue the widow of Mr.  
late a Member of the Royal Society of Musicians ;  
and that  
the Children of my late Husband, are still living, and  
that neither of them exceed the age of Fourteen Years.*

*Sworn before me,*

3.

*of  
Professor of Music, and one of the Members of the  
Royal Society of Musicians, maketh oath, and saith,  
that he hath not, nor has any person or persons in  
trust for him or for his use, nor is he, or any person or  
persons in trust for him, or for his use, intitled to re-  
ceive any annual sum or sums of money whatever,  
from any person or persons whomsoever, or on any ac-  
count whatever, in addition to the allowance received  
by him this Deponent, from the said Royal Society of  
Musicians, save and except*

*Sworn before me, this }  
day of }*

**The smallest deviation from truth in the above  
Affidavit, will for ever exclude the Claimant from  
any benefit arising from the Fund of the Royal  
Society of Musicians.**



of  
Widow, relict of  
late of  
Professor of Music, and one of the Members of the  
Royal Society of Musicians, maketh oath, and saith,  
that she, this Deponent, hath not, nor hath any per-  
son or persons in trust for her, or for her use, in any  
one year since the decease of the said  
, her late Husband, received  
above the sum of £ exclusive of  
the allowance received by this Deponent from the  
said Society; nor is she, this Deponent, or any person  
or persons in trust for her, or for her use, intitled to  
receive from any person or persons whomsoever, or on  
any account whatever, any greater, or other annual  
sum, than the sum of £ exclusive of  
the allowance aforesaid.

Sworn before me, this }  
day of 17 }

The smallest deviation from truth in the above  
Affidavit will for ever exclude the Claimant from  
any benefit arising from the Fund of the Royal  
Society of Musicians.

## LVI.

That a copy of every Law which shall pass at  
any General Meeting, shall be given to every  
Member who shall desire the same.

## LVII.



## LVII.

That, in cases not provided for by these Laws, the Governors and Court of Assistants for the time being, shall have power of framing such further Laws as may from time to time become necessary, and which shall be reported to the next General Meeting for confirmation, and the same, when so confirmed, shall be from thenceforth adopted and observed by this Society, and every Member of the same.



1711.

That no case not provided for by this Law  
the Governor and Council of Affairs for the said  
County shall have power to hear such further  
cases as may come to become necessary  
and shall do so in the next General  
Court for matters not before the Court, which is  
continued, shall be from the Court and  
obtainable by the Society and every Member of  
the same.



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